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Goodbye to Chief Thompson

The 377th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Audrey Thompson is assigned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. A TEAM KIRTLANDer for two years, Thompson will now serve as the Ramstein AB Family Support Center deputy director in a three-year tour. Representing Kirtland AFB enlisted members in the 377th Air Base Wing, Thompson advised leadership in a variety of areas including quality of life issues, work and trends among enlisted people. One of her accomplishments was highlighting the enlisted members’ promotions.

Lieutenants taught leadership, insight

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Kirtland AFB’s Lieutenant’s Professional Development Program is being revived under the direction of Col. Patty Hunt, 377th Maintenance Group commander, program co-directors, Capt. JD DuVall and Capt. Jared Burdin.

For three months, the program staff has put together the class schedule, personnel and briefings to make this course available for TEAM KIRTLAND lieutenants four times annually.

The program consists of five half-day classes concentrating on first-term lieutenants’ survival and leadership skills, as well as civilian insight into what military members need to know. The initial class is Nov. 17-21 in the Education Center.

For the first time, civilians are welcome to attend the program. The requirement for civilian participation is GS-7-11 and supervisor concurrence. Upon graduating from the course, students are eligible and encouraged to join the program staff. Captains who have been to SOS are also encouraged to join the staff.

This program is different than the Air and Space Basic Course that new lieutenants are required to attend at Maxwell AFB, Ala. It does not teach doctrine, but instead provides students the opportunity to network with each other, learn about other Air Force missions, participate in leadership exercises, practice performance report writing and mock promotion boards, become aware of their career opportunities, and hear differing perspectives from senior noncommissioned officers, military leaders and civilians.

Col. Hank Andrews, 377th Air Base Wing commander, said he is very excited about this program and has pledged to fully support it. He would like to see every lieutenant and eligible civilian on base take advantage of the opportunity to attend this course and encourages supervisors to permit such attendance.

For registration for upcoming classes and other information, visit the Web site at <https://www.loanational.org/cgoc/> or the KAFB Extranet website under Hot Items.

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58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron command change

Lt. Col. Mark S. Koopman, right, receives command of the 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at the 58th Special Operations Wing in a change of command ceremony Sept. 26 in Hangar 1000. Relinquishing command was Lt. Col. David M. Tye. Koopman was the Headquarters Air, Education and Training Command propulsion section chief and Command Maintenance Management Branch chief. Tye moves up to be 58th Maintenance Group deputy commander.

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